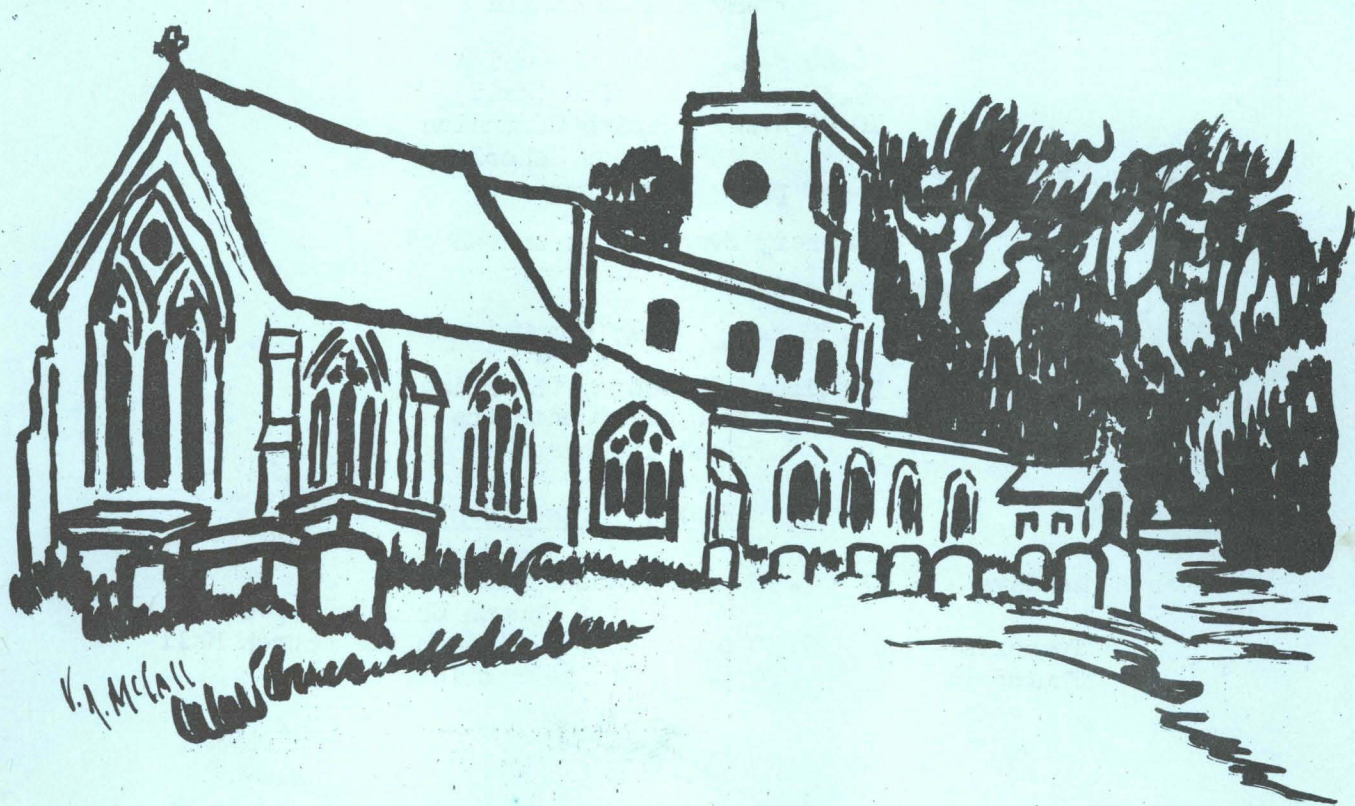


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## Times of Services

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Mattins (said)

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

Sunday School

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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Every Wednesday:

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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## Weekly Parish Events

Mondays 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Junior Guild  
(for Church Children aged 7-14)

Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive in the Church Hall

Thursdays 7.00 p.m. Choir Practice.

## THE BULBECK BEACON

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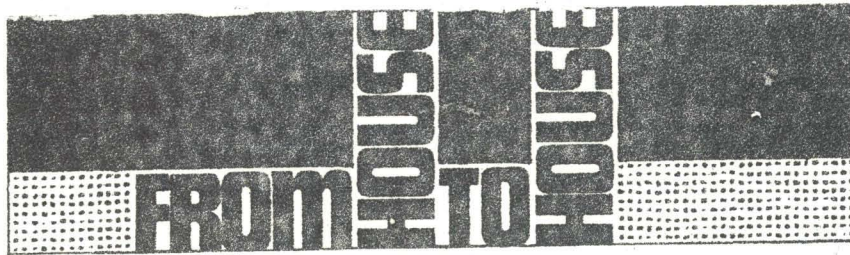
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# THE BULBECK BEACON

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This month we see the start of Lent, a season now associated solely with the Church's calendar, though the word originally meant 'spring' or 'the lengthening of the days', which is quite a cheerful thought. However, it is commonly thought of as the forty days leading up to Easter, the crown of the Church's year, and was used in preparation for this great feast. Following the example of Christ who withdrew to the wilderness for forty days of fasting in preparation for his ministry, it has in the past been a time for mortification of the flesh in various ways, mostly through diet.

The mood was set on Ash Wednesday, when the forehead was marked with a cross of ashes with the words "Remember, O man, that dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return" - a sobering thought to set you on the long six weeks of penitence ! Those of extreme piety might be inspired to suffer a hair shirt and flagellate themselves for the duration, but most would be bound by the strict rules of the fast: "we abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese and eggs". Later a concession was made which allowed people to eat milk products if in return they gave alms to some good work. This was obviously a good idea judging



by the many churches built or partly built from these alms. They are said to have been paid for the ornate south-west tower of Rouen Cathedral, known as the Butter Tower. It is easy to see how Pancake Day started as a way of using up the eggs before the Lenten fast, and how the custom of the Easter Egg came from the offering and blessing of those hoarded during abstinence.

Most people who give up some foods or cigarettes "for Lent" in this over-fed and nicotine-kippered society, realise that it will probably benefit their bodies more than their souls, so Christians usually make some sort of self-sacrifice such as is suggested in the article "Transport of Delight" further on in this issue.

Nothing to do with Lent, but instead of imposing a fast on the congregation we are hoping to initiate a "parish elevenses" after Sunday morning service this month. For nearly two years now we have had coffee in church on special occasions, and this has been much appreciated. It has not been a regular thing because of the lack of catering facilities in the building. Not that this has been completely solved now, but we do have a 13-amp socket fitted in the choir vestry now, which should enable us to heat water inconspicuously while the service is in progress, and we feel that with this much encouragement we should proceed.

This is not just another form of self-indulgence, but we hope it will fill a real need and help foster more of a family feeling among us. I wonder for instance how many times people have gone to church looking for solace and have come away disappointed? - they were worried or lonely or had a tough problem and somehow thought that going to church would help. Unless one is a particularly spiritual person, and these I imagine are fairly rare, one may find that apart from providing an oasis of tranquility in a turbulent world, going to church has not helped much. Because of the formality of the service itself, it would be possible if one was very quick off the mark, to be in and out of church with barely a nod and a "Good Morning" to the person next to you. Not that this often happens, I hope! But I know that I have often wanted to speak to several people after the service, and in catching one I have missed the others. I know this applies to the Vicar and probably many others. So we are hoping to provide encouragement for informal gathering after the service, when we can linger for a few minutes and find out how everybody is and welcome any newcomer. Doubtless for most of us the first thing we do on arriving home from church is to put on the kettle for a cup of something. Surely we could have one together instead?

Rosalind Jones

#### CHRISTIAN AID

The Appeal raised £11.60.

#### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Junior Guild Carol Singers made £4.85 and the rest was from the box in Church.

## FROM THE VICAR

This month I would like to draw your attention to two items of considerable importance. At the last meeting of the P.C.C. it was agreed that in future the Sunday School and Junior Guild be known as Junior Church. This will not mean any change in the present arrangements in regard to what we do and when we meet, but it should help newcomers when they join. In short the Junior Church meets twice a week; on Sundays at 10 for instruction and worship, and we are prepared to take children at the age of 3 (although younger children with their parents are always welcome at the service); and again on Mondays at 6.30 for those aged 7 and over. The idea behind the change is that the two meetings will be complimentary and not sufficient in themselves. In future those who join Junior Church will be encouraged to come to both meetings if they are old enough.

As we no longer have the ASC Scheme we have decided to give a small plastic badge for Church attendance and this will be presented when the Bishop of Ely comes for the confirmation. The badge will be of a design exclusive to the 4 Parishes.

One final note on this subject. We are always in need of adults to help with both of these groups, especially at holiday times. If you are interested and willing to give up a little of your time to help the young please see me; I'm certain you will find it worthwhile.



In another part of the Beacon you will find information about the USPG Lent project for 1972. In previous years Lent Boxes have been available and a fair number of these have been taken, resulting in about £12 for missionary work. To be truthful this has been our only activity in this field and when you consider that mission ought to be a concern to all Christians, then it isn't very satisfactory. So this year we are going to take part in the 'Transport of Delight' project to see if we can't raise enough money to buy at least a bicycle. If we do more, then we can think about a mule! There will be no special efforts apart from the Lent Boxes. The youngsters of the Junior Church will be the exception. They are going to make puppets during Lent under the guidance of their leaders and when completed they are to give a puppet show on Saturday March 4th in aid of the project. I hope that parents and others interested in our work will come along and see for themselves.

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### ADVANCE NOTICE

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



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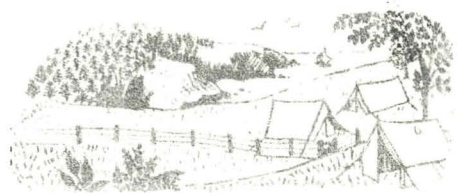
HERBACEOUS PLANTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- February 2nd Candlemass Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
- 5th Visit of Taize cell to discuss the Council of Youth. Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
- 10th Discussion Group.
- 13th Archdeacon of Ely preaches at Parish Communion.
- 14th School Managers 8 p.m.
- 27th Visit of Salvation Army Band from Waterbeach Evensong 3 p.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHILDREN'S WEEK Sept 4th/8th in the Vicarage Meadow.  
To be led by Brother Martin SSF  
Full details later.



ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

During this month all those who are already on the Electoral Roll will be receiving an application form for the new roll. If you do not receive one or would like your name to be added to the roll, please see:

Mr. Ron Butler, (Electoral Greenbank Road. Roll Officer)

RESTORATION FUND

We gratefully acknowledge the following additions to the Fund.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS placed by the crib by children  
 at the Christmas Eve Service were  
 taken to the Harvey Goodwin Home  
 in Cambridge.



The following letter was received from the Matron:

Dear Vicar,

On behalf of our children, thank you very much indeed  
 for the Christmas gifts you so kindly brought from your Church at  
 Swaffham Bulbeck.

Many thanks to the young ones concerned, with our best  
 wishes for 1972.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Bradshaw.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage - Gilbert Levitt to Celia Landymore at  
 the Free Church on January 1st.

R. I. P. - Mildred Rebecca Moule on 18th Jan. Aged 62.



Re: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May I point out that we do not like  
 to publish anonymous letters, but that if you  
 feel you must write in this way, will you  
 please make sure that your name and address  
 is known to the Editor, even though not for  
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9th February. 2 - 4 p.m. at the Vicarage. The bedspread we are starting now is in patches of blue, pink, purple and green. If anyone has cotton remnants in shades of any of these colours, we would be most grateful to receive them. Also any odd reels of thread, as the last bedspread practically exhausted our supply.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Last month we enjoyed an excellent debate on Conservation. We were very fortunate in having Dr. Colin Groves from the Department of Anthropology at the University and author of several books, to debate the subject with our own Peter Dale from the Geography Department.

Our next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on February 10th at the Vicarage, when Mrs J. McLachlen will lead a discussion on the background to the situation in Northern Ireland.

PARENT - TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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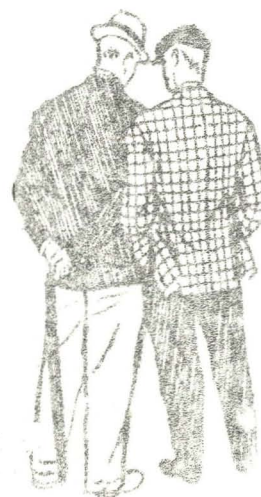
Feb 6th 8.00 a.m. Mr. A. Firebrace  
 10.00 a.m. Mr. B. Dean Mr. B. Dean  
 6.30 p.m. Mr. C. Bourne

Feb 13th 8.00 a.m. Mr. A. Payne  
 10.00 a.m. Mr. M. Waterfall Mr. M. Waterfall  
 6.30 p.m. Mr. R. Butler

Feb 20th 8.00 a.m. Mr. K. Pratt  
 10.00 a.m. Mr. G. Woollard Mr. G. Woollard  
 6.30 p.m. Mr. A. Firebrace

Feb 27th 8.00 a.m. Mr. J. Ford  
 10.00 a.m. Mr. K. Betts Mr. B. Dean  
 6.30 p.m. Mr. S. Durrant

Mar 5th 8.00 a.m. Mr. C. Bourne  
 10.00 a.m. Mr. M. Waterfall Mr. M. Waterfall  
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Are you a cyclist ? Do you run a motor-cycle or a car ?  
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when you do them for pleasure.

And you will know the joys of skimming over the ground  
effortlessly, like a bird, covering long distances in a very short time,  
the freedom of visiting, the ease of transporting supplies and equip-  
ment; you will also know only too well the frustrations of a solid  
British traffic jam.

Do you remember what it was like even thirty years ago ?  
Or have you heard tales of those days and of even earlier ones, when a trip  
in a car was an adventure, and a visit to a friend in the next county  
took a whole day ?

In that case you will feel for those who serve the Church  
overseas and travel hundreds of miles each year on their own two feet.  
And for doctors and nurses who, to reach their patients travel thousands  
of miles on roads that barely qualify for the name, often under appalling  
weather conditions. Sometimes it is only possible to get from one  
place to another on a horse or a mule, or by boat; sometimes you have  
to wait for an expensive seat in a jungle-hopping plane. Just occasionally  
there may be a bus (of sorts) carrying as many passengers outside as in,  
plus an assortment of their goods and chattels, live and dead.

One Bishop in Africa thinks he may be the last one to be  
car-borne in his huge diocese. It would make more sense to have a  
helicopter.

All this costs money, and our travellers need help. The  
requests come in all the time for boats with outboard motors, canoes,  
bicycles - some with balloon tyres - motor-cycles of all sorts, Land-  
Rovers, Chevrolet trucks to use as ambulances, mules, donkeys .....  
And it doesn't end there, for animals and fodder, petrol spares and  
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Transport of Delight (cont'd)

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A bicycle costs between £10 and £16 and this should be well within our reach. If we are really successful we could buy a mule for £35. Lent Boxes are available, so help foot the bill.

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An amusing story with a sting in its tail !

THE CHINESE SHOPKEEPER (from the Essex Churchman  
- Jan 1972)

The parish treasurer resigned, the accounts were in a mess, nobody wanted the job.

The Vestry co-opted the Chinese shopkeeper, although he didn't come to church very much, and he accepted the appointment on two conditions: that no report from the treasurer be required for a whole year; that nobody ask him any questions about parish finances during the year.

The vestry members protested, but finally agreed - after all he was a trusted member of the community, and well-known, and most of them bought their groceries at his store.

At the end of the year he gave his report, at the annual meeting in the schoolroom. The 10,000 dollar loan on the rectory had been paid off, the Diocesan Assessment had been paid in full, 2,000 dollars had been spent as the parish contribution to match the government grant to the school, 2,000 dollars had been given to missions and other good causes. He read out a letter of thanks from the Bishop for a gift of 1,500 dollars for the Ordinands' Fund. There

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were no outstanding bills, and there was a credit balance in the bank of 2,463 dollars 23c.

The congregation was stunned, but you can't keep a Trinidadian Annual Meeting silent for long and one member staggered to his feet to ask 'How come ?'.

Quietly the shopkeeper answered: 'You all buy groceries at my shop, yes ? You all want credit, yes ? And I give you bill at end of month, yes ? And you can't read my writing, yes ? You don't know that I add 10 per cent to your bill, yes ? I keep it back and give it to the church in your name, yes ? You haven't missed it, yes ? And now you have been tithing for a whole year. See how easy it is ?

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THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Annual Christmas Party was held in the School Room on Friday December 17th at which 49 members and 12 guests attended. The meal of turkey, ham, potatoes, garden peas, pickles, bread and butter, fruit, jelly and cream, trifles, mince pies, sausage rolls and tea was prepared by the committee and 3 helpers. An iced Christmas cake was given by Mrs Heffer (snr) and was cut by the eldest gentleman member, Mr. Watts. After the meal the entertainment was given by Mr. Warrington, Members of the W.I., and Mr and Mrs Carter, Mr. Carter also being the chief announcer. The evening ended with a grand draw and the singing of the National Anthem.

Mrs Lane (Chairman), the committee and friends of the Friendship Club would like to sincerely thank Mrs J. Nash, Mrs E. Heffer and Mrs J. Heffer (helpers) Mr. Warrington, the W.I. and Mr and Mrs Carter who helped to make the evening a great success. There were several kind people who gave gifts for the draw and donations received too; to these people we would express our grateful thanks. I'm sorry I cannot name them all. Lastly, thank you members and guests for turning up and enjoying the party laid on for you.

J. Chalklin (Secretary)

PRE) SCHOOL PLAYGROUP.

MRS. JEAN DIXON - the new supervisor. writes:

I have been asked by the Playgroup Committee to introduce myself.

I live in Bottisham and first became interested in the Playgroup Movement on moving to this area when my elder daughter was 3. Several Mums got together and started a playgroup in somebody's house, but so great was the demand that it was obvious we should need a proper  
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### Playgroup News (cont'd)

room. A Playgroup Committee was formed and I became Secretary and continued as such until my younger daughter started school.

I then became an assistant and was there two years. Bottisham Playgroup is now closing down as we have a new school with a Nursery Wing.

I also run Sunday School for the under-fives, and help at the Brownies. Although I have only been at Swaffham for 2 weeks I would like to say how much I am enjoying it.

I am not a complete stranger to your village - I know a few of the older members as I take them wh meals on wheels.

### Ten Week Club Winners

Week 8	No 150	Mrs M. Roberts
9	18	Mr. J. King
10	70	Mrs Bullman
£12	68	Mr. G. Palmer
£ 8	21	Mrs M. Butler (Commercial End)
£ 5	55	Mrs C. Swygart.
Week 1	No 1	Mrs M. Cook
2	148	Mrs H. Roberts
3	62	Mr. J. Ketteridge
4	69	Mrs D. Butler
5	77	Mrs A. Davies

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Commercial End, just off the beaten track  
 But of old village charm it does not lack.  
 The modern so finely blends with the old  
 Secrets are there which will never be told.

Those ancient mariners of centuries past  
 Plying the waterways, earning their brass,  
 Commercial End was the rendez-vous  
 Of tough bargemen, like 'Bowyer's Crew' !

In this locality the Free Church Stands,  
 A revered building to the faithful band,  
 Here prayer and praise ascend on the air  
 From sincere folk who worship there.

Village Stores cum Post Office, situated in High Street  
 Also the School, echoes to the patter of little feet.  
 Post Office appreciated by pensioners like me  
 High Street is the centre of village activity.

To the Glory of God stands the XIII Century Church  
 A monument (YEA MORE) to man's unceasing search  
 for God. For truth. For righteousness.  
 A sanctuary of peace for hearts distressed.

Timbered dwellings remind of the past,  
 Unquestionably they were built to last,  
 By craftsmen taking pride in their work,  
 From giving their best, they did not shirk.

The local farmers numbering half dozen or more,  
 Growing and producing for the nations store,  
 Modern equipment has aided their task,  
 For agricultural efficiency they must rank first class.

Greenbank and Heath Roads enclose our third estate,  
 Of recent origin, no history to relate.  
 They have one important claim to fame -  
 The oldest village resident - 99 - James Sellars by name.

H.C.



SWAFFHAM BULBECK CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

I wish to make the following  
nominations for election at the A.G.M. on  
Wednesday 9th February:

name of nominee

Chairman .....

Secretary .....

Treasurer .....

Catering Officer .....

Press Officer .....

Committee Members .....

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Signed: .....

Address .....

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NB Please obtain the agreement of your nominees

# SWAFFHAM BULBECK CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Saturday 15th January was a memorable occasion, being the day we held our Sherry Party at Burgh Hall. Our sincere thanks to David and Brenda Rayner for allowing us the use of their home for this occasion, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Wednesday 9th February is the day fixed for our Annual General Meeting and this will be held in the School, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Enclosed in this Beacon is a nomination form which should be completed and sent to the Secretary at Maltsters House, Commercial End or handed to him before the meeting.

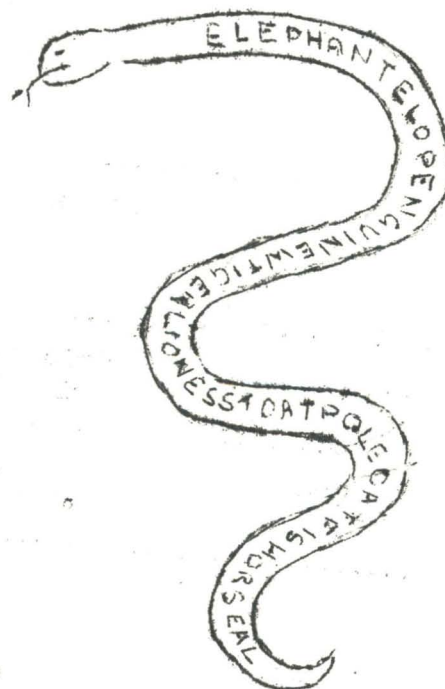
## CHILDREN

A few things for you to puzzle out this month, so find yourself a pencil and see what you can do. We've gone all animal this month, and so:

Here's a short poem by James Reeves which I rather enjoy.

The Nonny-bird I love perticularly;  
All day she chirps her joysome odes  
She rises perpendicularly,  
And if she goes too far explodes.

Starting at the head of the snake, how many animals can you pick out from the letters ?



Make as many words as you can from the word:

HIPPOPOTAMUS

What am I ?

My first is in Sun, but not in Moon  
My second is in Month but not in June  
My third is in Rat but not in Cat  
My fourth is in Head, but not in Hat,  
My fifth is in West, but not in East  
My whole will name a small water beast.

Try and sort out the five letters. The answer is over the page if you get desperate.

## COMPETITION

PAINT A PICTURE of an animal. It can be large or small, a pot or a wild animal. Make your picture bold and bright. If you would prefer to do a model or a collage, that's lovely. Have your entries in to MRS HURLIN, 111 High Street anytime before 15 February. There will be a small animal book as a prize for the best picture.



18 Answers: What am I? shrew

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Snake picture: elephant  antelope  penguin  newt  tiger  lioness
                stoat      {polecat  {catfish  horse  seal
                           {cat      {fish
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## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chalna  
Swaffham Prior  
Cambs.

I write this letter to say "Thank you" to the men of the Swaffham Bulbeck Fire Service for the work they did on our chimney fire. They were quick to answer the call (after some had retired for the night) and the fire was soon put out.

When I saw the gear coming in the front door I was very worried about the carpets, but when they left there was no trace anywhere of them ever coming in the house.

Once again "Thank you" to the men whose services we appreciate.

20 Jan 72

E.E. Nash

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